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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Habecker et al.)	Examiner:	Ngoclan Thi Mai
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Application No.:	10/770,895)		
)	Group Art Unit:	1742
Filed:	February 3, 2004)		
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Docket No.:	99024CIPDIV2 (3600-234-03))	Confirmation No.:	1073

For: METHOD OF MAKING NIOBIUM AND OTHER METAL POWDERS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 24, 2006

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a 2-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before April 24, 2006 (since April 22, 2006 and April 23, 2006 were a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.